



January 28, 2020

Jeff Marootian
Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Resolution Requesting the Installation of Speed Cameras, and the installation of High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) Signal, and a Traffic Safety Assessment for the Intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 8th Street NW

Dear Director Marootian:

On January 7, 2020, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E ("ANC 6E" or "Commission") and with a quorum of 7 out of 7 Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6E approved the following resolution by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions:

WHEREAS, the Duties and Responsibilities of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Act of 1975 grants ANC 6E the responsibility to advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency and all independent agencies, boards, and commissions of the government of the District of Columbia with respect to all matters of District government policy, including decisions regarding planning, streets, recreation, social services programs, education, health, safety, and sanitation which affect the ANC 6E area;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia moveDC Vision calls for safer and more vibrant streets and neighborhoods and a transportation system system that accommodates the travel needs of all residents, workers, and visitors regardless of age or ability;

WHEREAS, Mayor Muriel Bowser, DDOT, and the Council of the District of Columbia have committed to the principles of Vision Zero with the objective of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the District by 2024 through the more effective use of data, education, enforcement, and engineering;

WHEREAS, Mayor Bowser has directed DDOT to convert more neighborhood intersections to four-way stops to improve safety and advance the priority of Vision Zero;

WHEREAS, the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 8th Street NW is within the jurisdictional boundary of ANC 6E and in Single Member District 6E01;

WHEREAS, the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 8th Street NW is adjacent to the Shaw (Watha T. Daniel) Neighborhood Library which attracts neighborhood residents to the area, including children, youth, and seniors;

WHEREAS, the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 8th Street NW is one block from the Shaw-Howard University Metrorail Station, which increases the pedestrian utilization of the crosswalk at 8th Street;

WHEREAS, the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 8th Street NW includes a stop sign for the northbound and southbound approaches from 8th Street NW but does not include a stop signs for the eastbound or westbound approaches from Rhode Island Avenue NW;

WHEREAS, the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 8th Street NW includes marked pedestrian crosswalk crossing Rhode Island Avenue on the east leg of the intersection;

WHEREAS, pedestrians crossing Rhode Island Avenue NW at the 8th Street crosswalk must navigate hazardous traffic conditions, including up to 6 lanes of vehicular traffic with only white paint as protection;

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Rhode Island Avenue NW is 25 miles per hour, but vehicles frequently exceed this speed along the unsignalized 2-block segment between 7th Street and 9th Street NW, especially during off-peak hours;

WHEREAS, neighbors living in the vicinity of the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 8th Street NW complained about speeding and general unsafe traffic conditions on Rhode Island Avenue, including at the intersection with 8th Street NW;

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has identified speeding as a significant factor in fatalities and serious injuries;

WHEREAS, ANC 6E Commissioner for Single Member District 6E01, Alex Padro, has submitted a Transportation Safety Assessment Questionnaire to DDOT related to this resolution and that Questionnaire has been assigned a tracking number of 19-01016549;

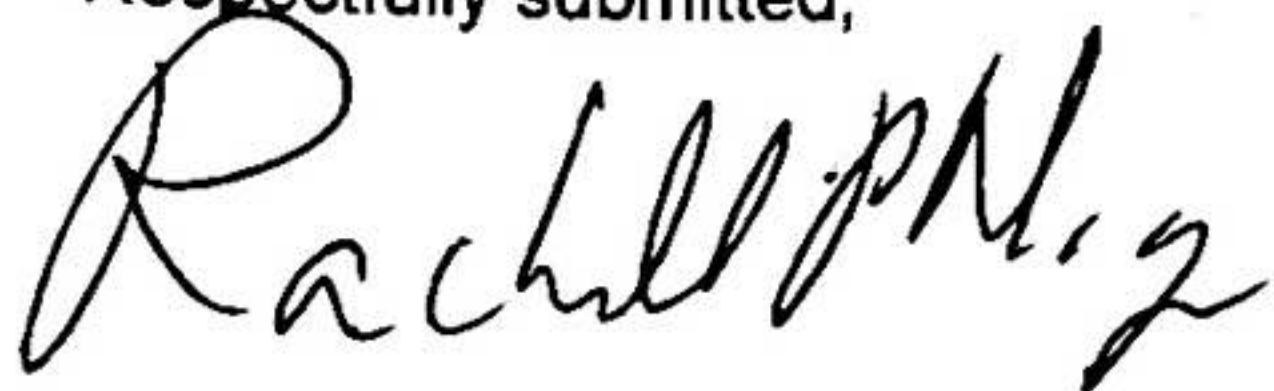
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT install a speed camera on Rhode Island Avenue at 8th Street NW;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal to improve pedestrian visibility while crossing Rhode Island Avenue at the crosswalk at 8th Street NW;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT conduct a Traffic Safety Assessment for the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and 8th Street NW.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachelle Nigro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachelle Nigro,
Chair

CC: Lee Goodall, Chief of Staff for Jeff Marootian, DDOT
Andrew DeFrank, Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT
Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember
Laura Marks, Chief of Staff, Office of Councilmember Charles Allen
Naomi Mitchell, Community Liaison, Office of Councilmember Charles Allen